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- 1. ARTICLE IN STANDARD, DATELINE LONDON, QUOTED KENYAN MINISTER OF POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS, ISAAC OMOLO OKERO, AS SAYING EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY QUOTE DEAD AS DODO BIRD SO FAR AS KENYA CONCERNED UNQUOTE. OMOLO OKERO SPOKE ON BBC PROGRAM QUOTE FOCUS ON AFRICA UNQUOTE. AS KENYAN MINISTER MOST CONCERNED WITH TRANSPORTATION MATTERS, HE HAS BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN MANY KENYA GOVERNMENT DECISIONS AFFECTING COMMUNITY.
- 2. LAYING BLAME AS USUAL ON TANZANIA MINISTER SAID IT WOULD BE BEST IF PEOPLE APPRECIATED THAT COMMUNITY AS KENYA KNEW IT NO LONGER EXISTS AND IF THEY ACCEPTED FACT. THEN MEMBER STATES COULD GO FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.
- 3. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO SUCH STRAIGHT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORWARD OFFICIAL STATEMENT RELEASED IN NAIROBI INDICATING KENYA HAS REACHED FINAL DECISION THAT COMMUNITY SHOULD BE DISBANDED. PRIVATELY, HOWEVER, MINISTER'S VIEW ENJOYS WIDE CURRENCY.

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